Indian Film Industry, which is accepted by the Government.

श्री बिशम्भर नाथ पांडे: महोदय, यह तसल्ली की बात है कि मिनिस्टर साहब कहते हैं कि वेस्ट बंगाल गवर्नमैंट और यूनियन गवर्नमैंट के बीच में चीफ गेस्ट के सिलेक्शन के बारे में कोई मतभेद नहीं था। मैं उनसे यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इतनी बड़ी रकम, अरबों रुपये की खर्च करने के बाद उससे क्या नतीजे, क्या फायदे हुए, इस पर रोशनी डालेंगे? क्या इसका उद्देश्य महज इन्टरटेनमेंट था, मनोरंजन, या इसके अलावा इससे भारतीय सिनेमा परोडक्शन, फिल्म प्रोडक्शन के क्षेत्र में कोई बेहतर चीजें सामने आयेगी। अभी तो हिन्दी फिल्मों में विशेषकर सिवाय सेक्स और वायोलेंस के अलावा कुछ नहीं होता है। तो हमारी जो फिल्में वहां प्रदर्शित की गयीं उनमें ऐसी कोई फिल्में थीं जिन्होंने हिन्दुस्तान को, भारतीय संस्कृति को सामने रखते हुए कुछ दूसरे देशों के सामने एक उद्देश्य रखा?

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Madam Deputy Chairperson, this Film Festival can be divided mainly into three sections; one is the international cinema section; another is the Indian cinema section; and the third is the film market. There were two seminars held; one was on homage to Satyajit Ray and the other was towards the Centenary of the Invention of the Cinema--Focus India. As you know, 1995 is the Centenary Year.

As far as the benefits of this Film Festival are concerned, it was the considered view of the Press and delegates attending the 25th International Film Festival that such an excellent package was presented in terms of quality cinema at the 25th IFFI. The retrospectives of both Indian and foreign film-makers were very strong. And, in fact, the presence of top film personalities like Michelangelo Antonioni took the city by storm. The presence of Fernando Solanas with his film 'The Journey' Fons and Lili Rademakers with their Oscar-winning film 'Assault', Kryzysztof Sanussi with his film 'Silent Touch' and Ismail Merchant, Shabana Azmi, Neena Gupta with 'In Custody', added glamour, meaning and expertise to the discussions, press conferences, seminars, open forum meetings, etc.

Indian Panorama... *(Interruptions)*....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The show time is over.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Right, Madam. Thank you very much.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Madam, what about my supplementary?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I tried my level best. The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Scrapping of the Banking Service Commission

*3. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to scrap the Banking Service Commission and decentralised the recruitment process in Nationalised Banks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) Direct recruitment of officers in Junior Management Grade/Scale-I, Specialist Officers and clerical cadre personnel for public sector banks is being done through 15 Banking Service Recruitment Boards and one Central Recruitment Board located in various parts of the country. On 2nd June, 1984, pursuant to a decision taken by the Government to set up a Banking Service

Commission for recruitment to officers cadres in public sector banks, legislation was enacted. However, in the interest of economy and in the light of satisfactory functioning of the decentralised system of recruitment, actual setting up of the Banking Service Commission had been kept in abeyance. The Narsimhan Committee on the Financial Systems, inter alia, recommended that (i) instead of having a common recruitment system for officers, individual banks should be free to make their own recruitment; and, (ii) as regards clerical cadre, the present system of recruitment through Banking Service Recruitment Boards may continue. A Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Shri D.R. Mehta, Dy. Governor, Reserve Bank of India is at present looking into recruitment methods and practices in public sector banks. One of the terms of reference given to this Committee is to enquire into the need to revive or repeal the Banking Service Commission Act in the context of emerging trends in the Banking Industry. The report of the Committee has not yet been finalised.

Complaints about telecast/broadcast of indecent Hindi film songs

*6. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints/representations from social welfare associations and individuals regarding some indecent songs from Hindi feature films telecast by Doordarshan and broadcast by AIR;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, complaints/representations of this nature are a regular feature since the reaction of listeners/viewers to the various programmes broadcast/telecast by All India Radio/Doordarshan vary widely. No details of such complaints/representations are, however, maintained centrally in a compiled form.

(c) AIR/Doordarshan constantly strive to bring about a qualitative improvement in their programmes in order to sustain the interest of the listeners/viewers.

World Bank/IMF Disappointment over Banking Sector Reforms

*7. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleasd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the World Bank and IMF have expressed their disappointment with the pace of reforms in the country's banking sector and the World Bank has offered loan for reforming the banking sector;

(b) if so, what are the basic deficiencies pointed out by them in the reforms in the country's banking sector;

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what exercise has been made by Government for reforming the financial sector in the country and what further measures are contemplated by Government in this direction based on the experience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No Sir. Since June 1991, the Government has initiated several measures for the reform of the financial sector based on its own perceptions and the recommendations of the Narasimhan Committee. Discussions have been held with the World Bank on a possible loan connected with financial sector reform. This matter remains under discussion.

(b) and (c) The basic deficiencies in the country's banking sector have already been pointed out by the Narasimhan Committee which has also made its recommendations on how to address